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Security Violation Probed

CIA Suspends Key Official

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—The Central Intelligence Agency has suspended Hans V. Tofte from his normal duties while checks are made on whether he committed a security violation, the CIA said Thursday.

The investigation concerns an incident late last month in which a fellow CIA employee allegedly found secret material at Tofte's home, in violation of CIA regulations.

Tofte's wife, in addition, reported to Washington police after two CIA men came to their home that some \$19,000 worth of jewelry was missing.

A CIA spokesman said Thursday that the agency has sent a letter to Tofte relieving him of his normal duties and telling him to report instead to the agency's security chief, Howard Osborn, until the conclusion of the investigation.

The agency would not define what Tofte normally does but he is generally said to be an expert in clandestine operations. He will stay on the payroll at his regular salary of nearly \$25,000 until an investigation is completed, the agency said.

Washington police said they still were working on the

jewelry theft. No charges have been filed.

Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D., Minn.) asked the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff "to follow this up and see what happens." McCarthy is a frequent critic of CIA operations.

Tofte has charged that his home was entered in what he called a "silly cloak and dagger raid" by two other CIA agents, Kenneth R. Slocum, and Charles D. Speake, on July 24.

The CIA said the two agents recovered some classified documents which are not allowed out of its headquarters.